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IN THE CLAIMS:**Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.****Please amend claim 2 to read as follows:**

2. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device having a liquid crystal display panel, said liquid crystal display panel comprising:

a plurality of pixels which are disposed in a matrix having rows and columns and each of which has at least a thin film transistor (TFT) and a pixel electrode;

a plurality of gate signal lines which extend from a gate signal input portion disposed along a side of said liquid crystal display panel and each of which is coupled with said TFT's in a row of said matrix;

auxiliary capacitor portions each additionally coupled with a pixel electrode of one of said pixel, the width of said gate signal line becomes narrower and thereby capacitance of said auxiliary capacitor portions becomes smaller as the distance from said gate signal input portion becomes larger, and

a backlight portion for illuminating said liquid crystal display panel from the backside thereof, luminance of backlight by said backlight portion becomes lower as the distance from said gate signal input portion becomes larger.

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Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:

4. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device as set forth in claim 2, wherein capacitance of each of said auxiliary capacitor portions is determined by an area of an opposing portion between a pixel electrode of a pixel and a gate signal line coupled with an adjacent pixel via an interlayer insulating film and a nitride film between said pixel electrode and said gate signal line.

Please amend claim 5 to read as follows:

5. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device as set forth in claim 2, wherein capacitance of each of said auxiliary capacitor portions is determined by an area of an opposing portion between a pixel electrode of a pixel and a gate signal line coupled with an adjacent pixel via an interlayer insulating film between said pixel electrode and said gate signal line.

REMARKS

This response is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 2, 2002, and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of the claims as set forth therein. In the event that the Examiner determines that the foregoing Amendments do not place the application in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Amendments be entered to place the claims in better form for consideration upon appeal.